

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
November 25, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Manuel Madrid Jr	Nora Sanchez
Raul Rodriguez	Jeff Youtsey

The following were absent:

Jose Luis Aguilar
Terry Hill

Also present:

Lisa C. Johnston, Assistant City Clerk
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer
Jay Francis, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burch welcomed members of Cub Scout Pack 270 to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: *November 11, 2014 – Regular meeting
2. Consideration of Bids:
 - A. *Approval of award of bid for Woodbine Cemetery Improvements to R-CON Construction, Inc to include the Additive Alternate #1 (with funds available)
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
 - A. *Approval of Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Roswell Correctional Center
 - B. *Approval of contract with Paws and Claws for Animal Care Services and Maintenance
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
 - A. Accept the resignation of Tim Argo, Police Commander, effective November 30, 2014
 - B. Accept the resignation of Eugene DeLosSantos, Police Corporal, effective November 21, 2014
6. Dates of Hearing:
 - A. Permission to set a public hearing on January 13, 2015 for consideration of an ordinance for approval of Vacation of a Triangle Portion of Roselawn, located near the southeast corner of Dallas Avenue and Roselawn Avenue, in Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 26 East

- B. Permission to set a public hearing on January 13, 2015 for consideration of an ordinance for approval of a Portion of Amended Plat of Yates Farms Subdivision (Phase 1) Replat, located in Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 26, East
 - C. Permission to set a public hearing on January 13, 2015 for consideration of an ordinance for approval for Lot 14, Block 16, Clayton and Stegman Replat, located in Section 17, Township 17 South, Range 26 East
 - D. Permission to set a public hearing on January 13, 2015 for consideration of an ordinance for approval of West Acres #8, Lots 1 & 2 Replat, located in Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 26 East
7. *Travel and Training:
- A. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Instructor Development training in Hobbs, NM.
 - B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Use of Force for Executive, Commander and Supervisors training in Roswell, NM.
 - C. Purchasing – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMPPA Annual Organizational Board meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
 - D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Desert Snow – Criminal Interdiction workshop in Albuquerque, NM.
 - E. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the TEEX-Forensic Technician training in Pasadena, TX.
 - F. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend Exploring the Sexual Offender and Physical Abuser training in Santa Fe, NM.
 - G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Fire Pattern Certification training in Brighton, CO.
 - H. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Undercover Officer Survival Techniques training in Albuquerque, NM.
 - I. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Street Crimes seminar in Hobbs, NM.
8. Use of Facilities (*approval contingent upon receipt of all applicable fees, license(s) and dept approvals*):
9. Routine Requests for City Facilities
10. Budgeted Items:
11. Non-budgeted Items:
12. *Payment of Bills

Public Hearings

Mayor Burch declared the meeting open for public hearing for the following:

- 1. Consideration and approval of an ordinance approving Loma Vista Addition No. 3, Block 1, Lots A-4, E/2 Lot 2, and all Lot 3 Replat, Section 6, T17S, R26E.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire reported that this replat would consolidate two lots into one lot, handle an encroachment on the east side and clean up lot lines.

Planning and Zoning recommended passage.

No public comment was received.

Councilor Youtsey moved to approve the Loma Vista Addition No. 3, Block 1, Lots A-4, E/2 Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 Replat, Ordinance No. 951. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Bratcher, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 951

2. Consideration and approval of an ordinance approving Blair Addition, Block 15, Lot 8 Replat, Section 17, T17S, R26E.

Mr. McGuire reported that this replat would adjust the lot line, so that the existing building does not straddle the lot line.

Planning and Zoning recommended passage.

No public comment was received.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Blair Addition, Block 15, Lot 8 Replat, Ordinance No. 952. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Bratcher, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 952

3. Consideration and approval of an ordinance approving Bowman Estates Subdivision, Block 3, Lot 12 Replat, Section 7, T17S, R26E.

Mr. McGuire reported that this replat would adjust the back property line to allow a wider alley.

Planning and Zoning recommended passage.

No public comment was received.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve the Bowman Estates Subdivision, Block 3, Lot 12 Replat, Ordinance No. 953. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers, and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded:

Aye: Bratcher, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sanchez, Youtsey

Nay: none

the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 953

Personnel

Councilor Rodriguez moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Gabriel Trujeque to the position of Water Department Technician at a salary of \$2,363 per month (CA20), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve the annual safety pays payout. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Community Development

Code Enforcement Officer Cheryl Hinkle requested approval of condemnation of the structure at 808 S. 2nd Street. Ms. Hinkle reported that she has tried to work with some of the heirs, but has gotten no response, and that the structure currently has no utilities. Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the condemnation of 808 S. 2nd Street, Resolution No. 1554. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1554

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Director Byron Landfair reported on the condition of Standpipe Well. When the well was pulled and scoped as part of maintenance, it was discovered that there were two holes in the casing and rust on the column. The casing has already been previously lined and the recommendation is to drill a replacement well, rather than try to rehab this well. The estimated cost for the new well will be \$1.2 million. Councilor Youtsey moved to approve a budget adjustment for \$1.2 million to drill a new well to replace Standpipe well. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

City Clerk

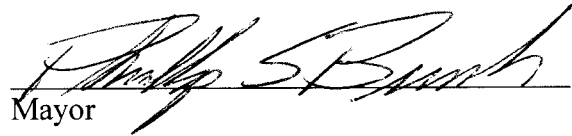
Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the list of records for the annual records destruction. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

New and Other Business from Councilors

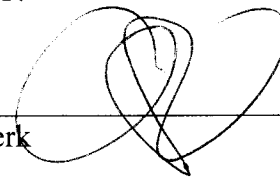
Councilor Youtsey moved to reconsider the Water Conservation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved to continue the public hearing on the Water Conservation Ordinance to the first meeting in February, February 10, 2015, to allow time to get other components in place. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.
November 25, 2014.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk